

We did it!

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Friends:

This week the Los Angeles City Council voted to right a historical wrong of epic proportions. Indigenous Peoples Day will replace Columbus Day as a city Holiday. The change will go into effect no later than 2019.

A brief history: Christopher Columbus and his men were lost when they landed on the shores of an inhabited Caribbean Island in 1492. They immediately enslaved and subjugated the Indigenous People there. Columbus never set foot in present day United States but he did return to the Western Hemisphere three additional times subjugating and inflicting atrocities on all of the Indigenous People he and his men encountered. This true history is documented by credentialed scholars and researchers throughout academia. [[REPORT](#)]

Los Angeles has one of the largest populations of Native Americans and Indigenous People of any city in the United States. Having Columbus Day on our administrative code is an affront to truth and justice and I couldn't be more proud of the action we took to remove this symbol of destructive, revisionist thinking. The Los Angeles Administrative Code will reflect this change on the city calendar, marking the occasion each year on the second Monday in October. We also chose to recognize every October 12th as Italian American Heritage Day, a fitting acknowledgement of the many contributions to Los Angeles culture from the Italian American community that help this city thrive.

This moment was a victory for all of us; not just Native Americans, not just Indigenous People, not just Angelenos, but all people. We acted boldly and we acted with courage.

Hundreds of people participated in this two-year process every step of the way.

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There are too many to thank here but my gratitude to is limitless. Many have waited their entire lives for this little slice of justice and there were tears of joy from hundreds who attended the packed Council Chambers on this day. The moment was historic and it is my hope that what we did together this past week will shine the light on truth and justice across the land.

Kind regards,

MITCH O'FARRELL

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HEADLINES

LA Council replaces Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day [[LA TIMES](#)]

Replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day [[CD13](#)]

Mayor seeks students for Youth Council [[BEVERLY PRESS](#)]

New signs posted for dog owners visiting Silver Lake Reservoir [[EASTSIDER](#)]

O'FARRELL EXTENDS POOL HOURS

HOLLYWOOD - Angelenos who enjoy recreation at the Hollywood Pool will be pleased to hear the City is extending the season through the month of September, Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) announced today.

In a Council motion introduced this week, Councilmember O'Farrell secured funding for an extension of the Hollywood Pool hours, on weekends from 1-5 p.m., through October 1. The pool season was originally scheduled to close for the year after Labor Day weekend. Recreational swimming hours after Labor Day will be from 1 to 5 p.m. on weekends. The general admission cost is \$3.50 for adults ages 18-64, \$1 for children under 17 and seniors 65 and older. For information, call the pool office at (323) 460-7030, or visit www.laparks.org.

BEAT THE HEAT

LOS ANGELES - Record breaking heat continues to hit the Los Angeles area, which is why we encourage you to take precautions at home to reduce the strain on infrastructure and resources, while at the same time protecting you and your family.

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CREWS WORK ON MICHELTORENA PROJECT

SILVER LAKE - During some of the hottest days of summer this week, Mitch brought Gatorade to the Public Works crew assigned to the Micheltorena Elementary School project. The work is expected to be completed in the coming weeks.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

CITY HALL - Homelessness is a significant challenge facing the City of Los Angeles. To advance service-enriched housing for persons experiencing homelessness, the Department has drafted a Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) ordinance. If adopted, it would establish a set of standardized criteria and definitions for PSH and remove regulatory barriers that impair the construction of new supportive housing. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Cally Hardy at cally.hardy@lacity.org or [\(213\) 978-1643](tel:2139781643). Comments submitted prior to the end of the day on October 30, 2017 will be considered for the staff recommendation report. Comments submitted after this time should also be directed to the City Planning Commission (cpc@lacity.org). The documents are available on the Department website under Ordinance, then click on Proposed Ordinances.

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TEAM MITCH MAKING A DIFFERENCE

ELYSIAN VALLEY - The CD13 Clean Team took great care of the newly planted street trees along Riverside Drive, between the 2-Freeway and Riverside Terrace. See an area that needs attention? Contact Sylvan De La Cruz in the District Office at [213-207-3015](tel:2132073015).

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PHOTO OF THE WEEK

HOLLYWOOD - Team Mitch visited Lotería for the monthly Lunch Bunch to

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celebrate our local and independently owned restaurants throughout the 13th District. Thank you Jimmy Shaw for the warm welcome!

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